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URBAN DISTRICT OF HUNSTANTON.

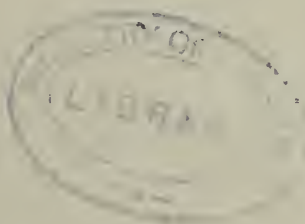
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OF

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YEAR ENDED DECEMBER

31st, 1954.

Council Offices,  
HUNSTANTON.



URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF HUNSTANTON.

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER  
OF HEALTH FOR THE  
YEAR, 1954.

Area (in acres): 1498 (including 434 acres of Foreshore).

Registrar General's estimate  
of resident population 3,800

Number of inhabited houses  
according to Rate Books. 1,239

Rateable value and sum represented  
by a penny rate: £38,131  
£150.

Social Condition, including the  
chief industries carried on in  
the area, and the extent of  
unemployment: None.

VITAL STATISTICS.

<u>LIVE BIRTHS</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	
Legitimate	<del>596</del>	<del>352</del>	<del>244</del>	Birth rate per 1,000 estimated resident Population 1954- 26.8
Illegitimate	3	1	2	

Area Comparability  
Factor-  
Births 0.99.

STILL BIRTHS

Legitimate	3	1	2	Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births - .78.
Illegitimate	-	-	-	

DEATHS.

Death from all causes.	45	23	22	Rate per 1,000 estimated population - 11.8
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Deaths from  
puerperal  
causes:-

Puerperal sepsis -	-	-	Area Comparability Factor - 0.71
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Other puerperal causes	-	-	-
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Deaths of infants under one year of age:-	2
Deaths of infants under 4 weeks of age:-	2
<u>DEATH RATE</u> All infants, per 1000 live births	39.2
Legitimate infants per 1000 Legitimate live births:	40.4
Illegitimate infants per 1000 Illegitimate live births:	NONE

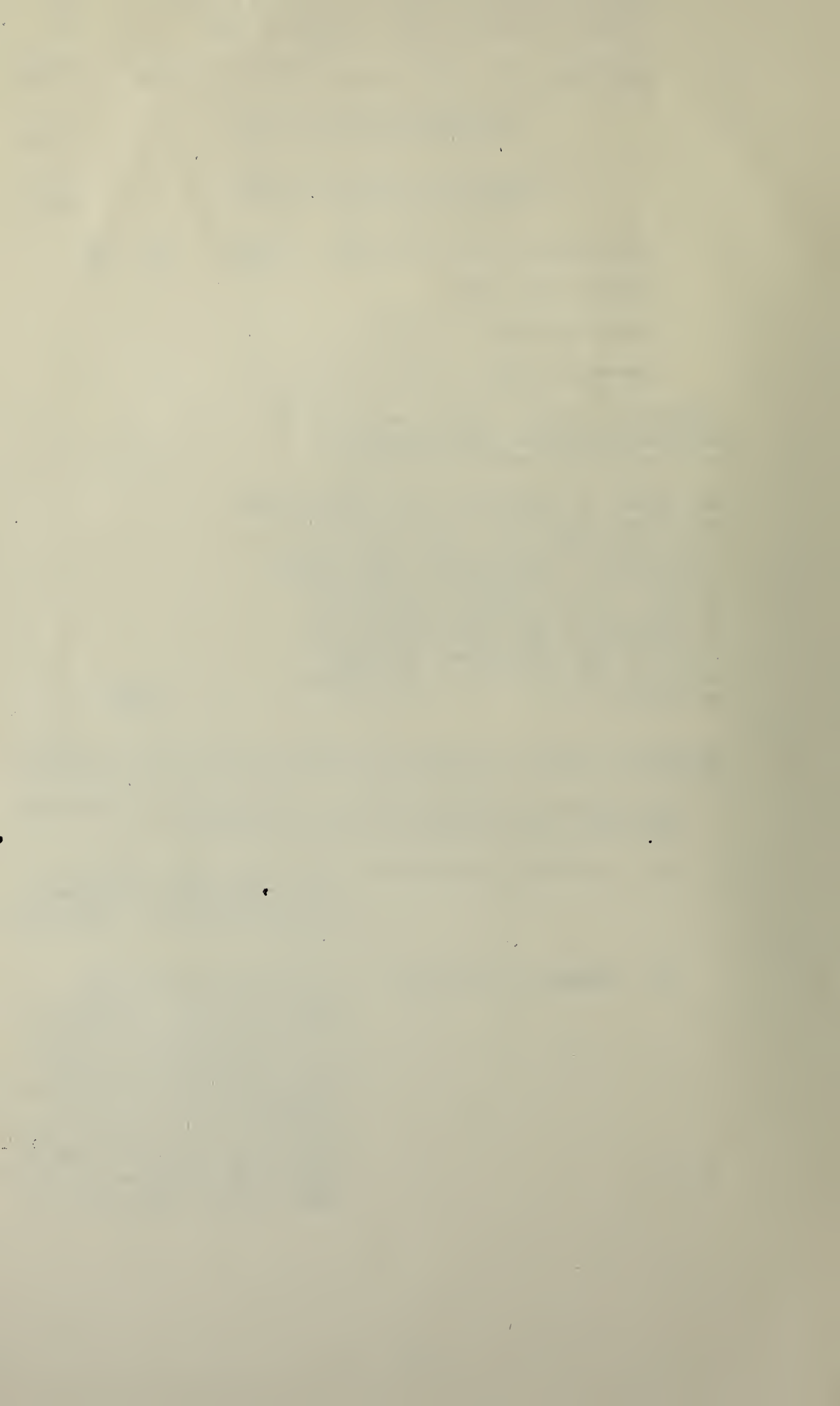
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	Total	M	F
	<u>12</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>7</u>
Measles (all ages)	-	-	-
Whooping Cough (all ages)	-	-	-
Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	-	-	-

Particulars of any unusual or excessive mortality during the year which has been received or required comment:- NONE

Any causes of sickness or invalidity which have been specially noteworthy in the area during the year: any conditions of occupation or environment, which appear to have had a prejudicial effect on health; and any evidence, statistical or otherwise, that unemployment has exercised any significant influence on the health or physique of children or adults:- NONE

#### SECTION B. General Provision of Health Services for the Area.

1. One, part-time Medical Officer of Health; one, whole-time Sanitary Inspector and two District Nurses.
2. (a) Laboratory facilities: None other than Medical Research Council Laboratory at the Norwich City Isolation Hospital.
- (b) Ambulance Facilities: For non-infectious and accident cases a Daimler Motor Ambulance is provided by a Local Committee of the St. John Ambulance Brigade and British Red Cross Society conjointly for use in the District. It is worked by a Local Committee and is self-supporting as far as possible. (After 1/5/48 taken over by





by Norfolk County Council, but run for them by the Committee referred to above).

- (c) Nursing in the home: The District Nurses undertake this.
- (d) Treatment centres and clinics, including clinics solely for diagnoses or consultation; This work is undertaken at the King's Lynn Hospital.
- (e) Hospitals, Public and Voluntary; None other than the King's Lynn Hospital.

## SECTION C. Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

### 1. Sewerage and Sewage Disposal.

There have been no complaints regarding the sewage disposal works at Hunstanton during the year. It is anticipated that work on the storm water overflow, damaged during the flooding in 1953, will be completed in the early summer of 1955.

The new main sewerage scheme at Hunstanton North was completed during the year, following which a start was made on closet conversions in that area.

It is expected that nearly all the existing cesspools will be connected to the sewerage system during 1955.

### 2. House Refuse.

The collection of refuse was re-organised during the year, and a weekly collection of house refuse was maintained.

During the summer season additional collections varying from twice weekly to daily are made from all catering establishments, hotels, seafront kiosks and cafes.

As the South Beach tip, following the severe flooding in 1953, was not suitable for use in the early part of the year, tipping was continued until the end of the summer at the Redgate Hill Quarry tip. South Beach tip was then brought into use for the winter months, so continuing the adaption of this land for car parking purposes. Tipping capacity is very limited and new tipping sites should receive the urgent consideration of the Council.

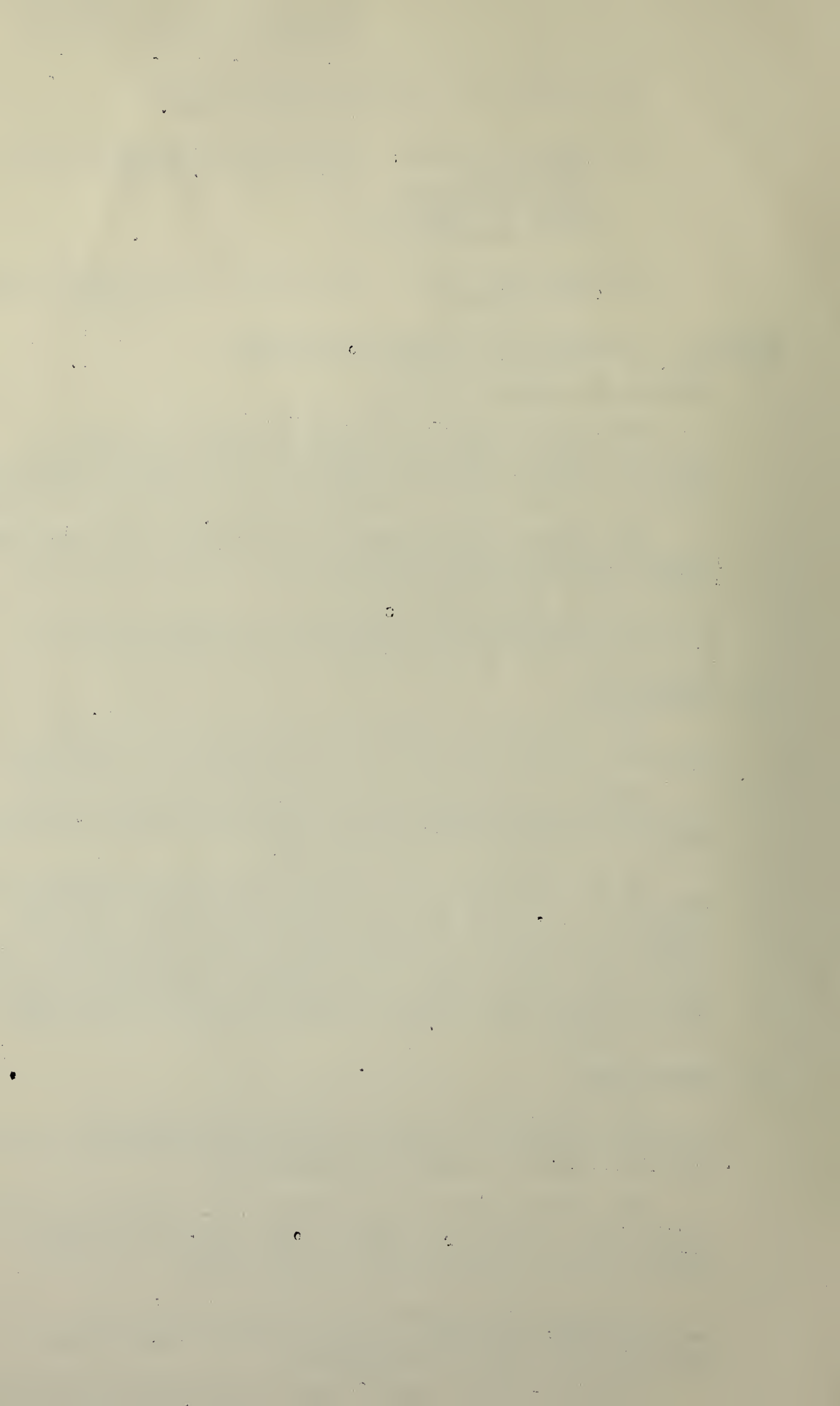
### 3. Water Supply.

The total amount of water pumped during 1954 was 97,370,000 gallons as compared with 90,948,000 gallons in 1953. All water pumped is treated by chlorination.

The amount pumped per month varied from a peak of 11,278,000 gallons in August, as compared with 11,472,000 gallons in August, 1953, to a minimum of 6,304,000 gallons in March as compared with 5,721,000 gallons in March, 1953.

Thirty-eight samples of water were submitted for bacteriological examination during the year. Samples taken from house taps were all satisfactory.

Although several samples taken at the waterworks before





chlorination were "unsatisfactory", probably due to surface water gaining access to the spring after heavy rain, the results of all the samples taken after chlorination were "highly satisfactory".

# RESULTS OF ANALYSIS.

<u>Sample</u>	<u>Before or After Chlorination</u>	<u>No. of Coliform Bacilli Non-faecal per 100 m.l.</u>	<u>No. of Faecal Bacilli Coliform per 100 m.l.</u>	<u>Report.</u>
1.	Before	13	2	Unsatisfactory
2.	Before	2	2	- ditto -
3.	After	0	0	Highly satisfactory
4.	Before	5	0	Satisfactory
5.	Before	5	5	Unsatisfactory
6.	Before	25	25	- ditto -
7.	After	0	0	Highly satisfactory
8.	Before	2	0	Satisfactory
9.	Before	2	0	- ditto -
10.	Before	0	0	Highly satisfactory
11.	After	0	0	- ditto -
12.	After	0	0	- ditto -
13.	Before	0	0	- ditto -
14.	Before	0	0	- ditto -
15.	Before	0	0	- ditto -
16.	After	0	0	- ditto -
17.	After	0	0	- ditto -
18.	Before	0	0	- ditto -
19.	Before	0	0	- ditto -
20.	After	0	0	- ditto -
21.	After	0	0	- ditto -
22.	Before	80	80	Unsatisfactory
23.	Before	8	5	- ditto -
24.	Before	11	11	- ditto -
25.	Before	8	8	- ditto -
26.	After	0	0	Highly satisfactory
27.	After	0	0	- ditto -
28.	Before	0	0	- ditto -
29.	Before	0	0	- ditto -
30.	After	0	0	- ditto -
31.	After	0	0	- ditto -
32.	After	0	0	- ditto -
33.	Before	25	2	Unsatisfactory
34.	Before	130	35	- ditto -
35.	After	0	0	Highly satisfactory
36.	After	0	0	- ditto -
37.	Before	12	2	Unsatisfactory
38.	Before	2	0	Satisfactory.

## 4. Public Conveniences.

There are six public conveniences within the Urban District controlled by the Council.

Full-time attendants are employed at 3 of the conveniences during the summer months. Cleaning of the remainder during the summer months and also of three which are open during the winter months, is carried out part-time by Council employees.

Construction of the new approved block of conveniences on the North Promenade was deferred due to work on the North Promenade Sea Defence Scheme.

## 5. Camping Grounds.

<u>No. of Licensed Sites</u>	<u>Total No. of Caravans</u>	<u>No. of Inspections made</u>	<u>Defects observed and remedied</u>
7	608	60	4



# FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948.

## 1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health.

<u>Premises.</u>	<u>No. on Register.</u>	<u>Inspections.</u>	<u>Written Notices.</u>	<u>Occupiers Prosecuted.</u>
i. Factories in which Sections 1, 2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority.	1	-	-	-
ii. Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	18	-	-	-
iii. Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority. (Excluding out-workers premises).	16	20	-	-
TOTAL:	35	20	-	-

## 2. Cases in which defects were found.

<u>Particulars.</u>	<u>No. of cases in which defects were found.</u>				
	<u>Found.</u>	<u>Remedied.</u>	<u>to H.M. Inspector.</u>	<u>Referred. by H.M. Inspector.</u>	<u>No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.</u>
Want of cleanliness	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors.	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Sanitary Conveniences.</u>					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL:	-	-	-	-	-



## SECTION "D" HOUSING.

### 1. Requisitioned Properties.

Twelve requisitioned properties were released from requisition during the year, leaving 9 houses still under requisition. The remaining 9 properties were tenanted by 13 families.

### 2. Council Housing Estates.

#### a. Park Road Estate.

Consists of 5 aged persons' bungalows.

#### b. Sea Lane Estate, Hunstanton North.

Consists of 8 duplex flats and 12 semi-detached 3-bedroom type houses.

#### c. The Sandringham.

Contains 12 self contained flats.

#### d. Hill Street Estate.

At the beginning of the year 38 3-bedroom and 12 2-bedroom type houses had been occupied. Building continued during the year when 50 2-bedroom type houses and 4 aged persons' bungalows were completed.

At the end of the year work was in progress on 8 aged persons' bungalows and 12 3-bedroom type houses.

The total number of Council Houses occupied or under construction at the end of the year was as follows:-

#### Occupied.

Bungalows 9  
Flats 20  
3-bedroom houses 50  
2-bedroom houses 62

#### Under Construction.

Bungalows 8  
3-bedroom houses 12.

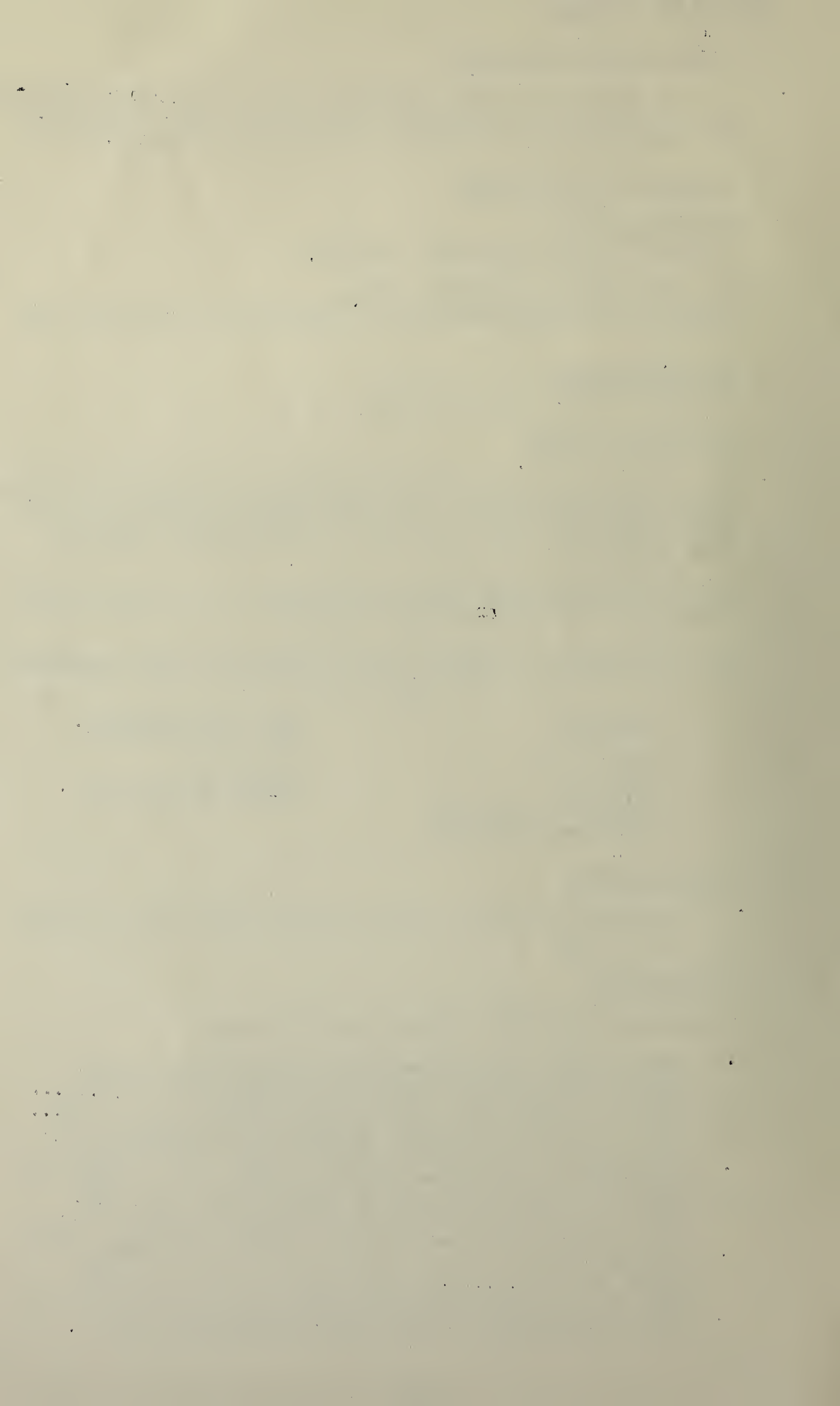
### 3. Private Houses.

The number of private houses completed and occupied during the year was 14.

### 4. Housing Acts.

#### 1. Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the year:-

1. (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts).....4
2. (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose .....6
2. (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932 .....NIL
3. (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose .....NIL
3. Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation .....NIL
4. Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation.....4





2. Remedy of Defects during the year without service of Formal Notices:-

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers..3.

3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year:-

a. Proceeding under sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936:

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs .....NIL.

(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:-

a. By Owners .....NIL.

b. By Local Authority in default of owners .....NIL.

b. Proceeding under Public Health Acts:

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied.....NIL.

(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:-

a. By Owners.....NIL.

b. By Local Authority in default of owners.....NIL.

c. Proceedings under sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act 1936 :

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made .....NIL.

(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolitions Orders .....NIL.

d. Proceedings under section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936:

(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made .....NIL.

(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit .....NIL.

4. Housing Act, 1936. - Part IV - Overcrowding:-

a. i. Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year..NIL.

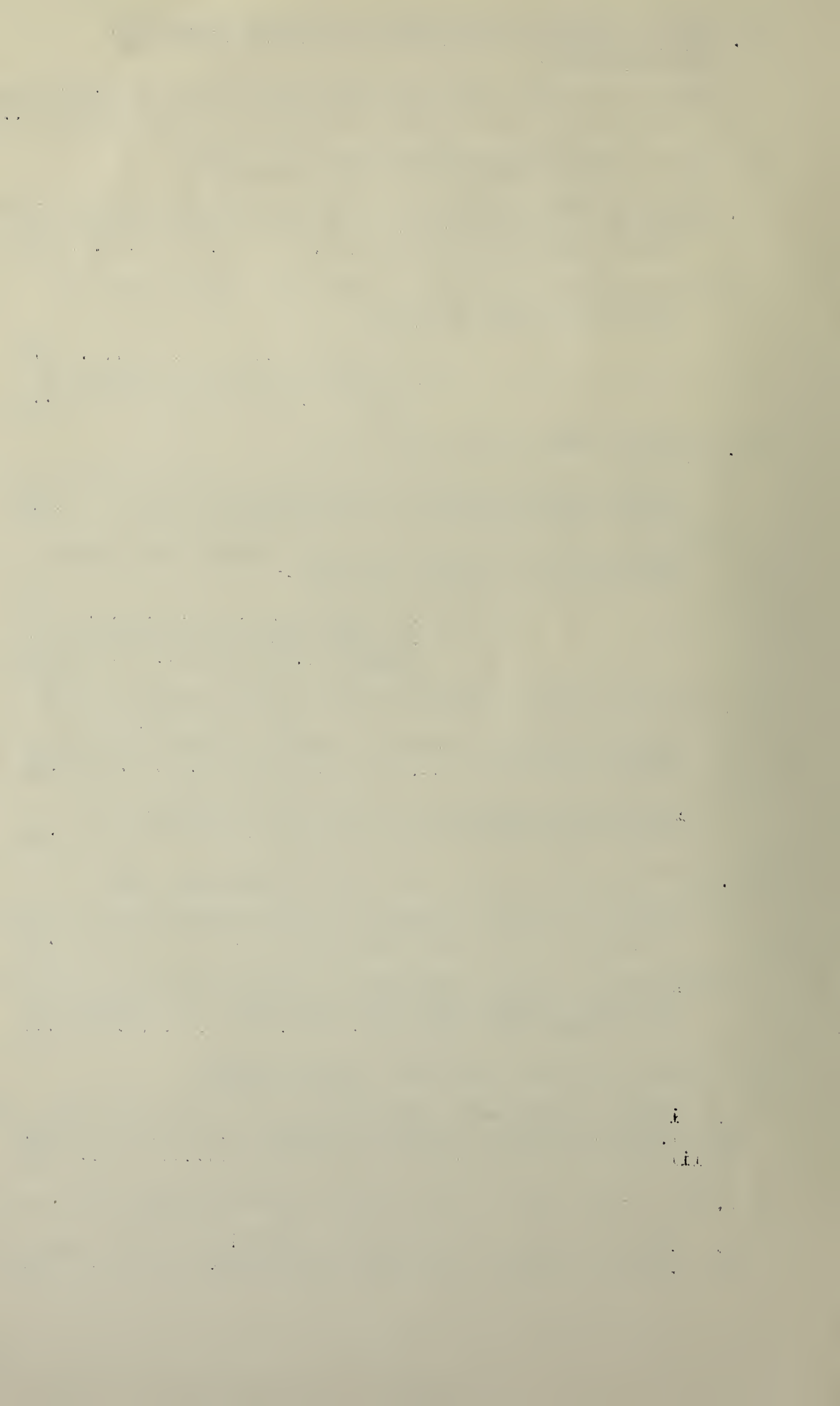
ii. Number of families dwelling therein.....NIL.

iii. Number of persons dwelling therein .....NIL.

b. Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year.NIL.

c. i. Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year.Nil.

ii. Number of persons concerned in such cases .....NIL.



## SECTION "E". INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

### 1. Milk Supply.

There are no milk producers within the Urban Area.

### 2. Meat and Other Foods Inspection.

Following the closing of the Ministry of Food slaughterhouse in March, 1953, no slaughtering was carried out during 1954 in the Urban Area.

The following foodstuffs were inspected and found to be unfit for human consumption :-

Meat.....	115 lbs.
Whelks.....	1.61 lbs.
Cheese .....	5 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs.
Tinned Milk.....	57 tins.
"    Fruit.....	79 tins.
"    Meat.....	9 tins.
"    Vegetables.....	16 tins.
"    Soup.....	5 tins.

### 3. Food Premises.

Routine inspections were paid to food premises, including food preparing premises, cafes, hotel kitchens and ice cream premises. Attention was drawn to any defects found, all of which were remedied without formal action being taken.



SECTION "F".

Existing facilities for typing pneumococci and  
provision of appropriate type sera: NONE.

Notifiable Diseases during 1954.

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Total cases notified</u>	<u>Cases admitted to Hospital</u>	<u>Total Deaths</u>
Scarlet Fever	3	-	-
Whooping Cough	12	-	-
Measles	201	-	-
Jaundice	4	-	-

T U B E R C U L O S I S .

New Cases and Mortality      during 1954.  
New Cases.

<u>Age Periods</u>	<u>Respiratory</u>		<u>Non Respiratory</u>		<u>Deaths Respiratory</u>		<u>Non Respiratory</u>	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0 -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 -	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 - and upwards	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-

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